

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from July 4, 2002 up to and including October 4, 2002. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$920 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Replace claims 1, 16, 18-20, 23, 24, 32, 37, 45, 49-52 and 58-60 with the amended versions set forth below. Cancel claim 38.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a vaccine delivery system comprising a plurality of polymer particles, wherein a water insoluble protein antigen is incorporated with the polymer particles, the polymer particles comprising a matrix polymer, wherein the method comprises:

(a) mixing an aqueous phase (W) comprising the water insoluble protein and one or more solubilizing agents with an organic phase (O) that comprises the matrix polymer in an organic solvent and is immiscible with W, to produce a W/O emulsion, wherein either W or O or both further comprise one or more